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## WEST VIRGINIA CROP ACREAGE FOR 2008

**WEST VIRGINIA** - Winter wheat planted in West Virginia for 2008 is estimated at 12,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from 2007. The projected harvest for grain is 9,000 acres, up 3,000 acres from 2007.

Corn planted is estimated at 43,000 acres, down 7 percent, or 3,000 acres from last year. Growers expect to harvest 26,000 acres for grain, down 4 percent, or 1,000 acres from last year.

Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 19,000, up 27 percent, or 4,000 acres from 2007. Harvested acreage is projected at 18,000, up 29 percent, or 4,000 acres from 2007.

All hay harvested is forecast at 610,000 acres, up 2 percent, or 10,000 acres from last year. Alfalfa hay harvested is expected to total 30,000 acres, up 20 percent, or 5,000 acres from last year. Other hay harvested is expected to be 580,000 acres, up slightly, or 5,000 acres from last year's harvest. If the 580,000 acres of other hay is realized, it will be a new record high for West Virginia.

These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2008, Agricultural Survey.

## UNITED STATES WITH 2007 COMPARISONS

Corn planted for all purposes - 87.3 million acres, down 7 percent from 2007.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of corn planted:

Bt - 17% of 2008 crop, 21% of 2007 crop;

Herbicide Resistant - 23% of 2008 crop, 24% of 2007 crop;

Stacked Gene - 40% of 2008 crop, 28% of 2007 crop;

All Biotech varieties - 80% of 2008 crop, 73% of 2007 crop.

Corn harvested for grain - 78.9 million acres, down 9 percent.

Winter wheat planted - 46.6 million acres, up 4 percent.

Winter wheat harvested for grain - 40.3 million acres, up 12 percent.

Oats planted - 3.5 million acres, down 8 percent.

Oats harvested for grain - 1.4 million acres, down 4 percent.

All tobacco harvested - 348,040 acres, down 2 percent.

Burley tobacco harvested - 96,450 acres, down 9 percent.

All hay for harvest - 60.4 million acres, down 2 percent.

Alfalfa hay for harvest - 20.8 million acres, down 4 percent.

Other hay for harvest - 39.7 million acres, down slightly.

Soybeans planted - 74.5 million acres, up 17 percent.

Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:

Herbicide Resistant only - 92% of 2008 crop, 91% of 2007 crop;

All Biotech varieties - 92% of 2008 crop, 91% of 2007 crop.

Soybeans for harvest - 72.1 million acres, up 15 percent.